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200/208/47

8 May 1947  
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Zionist Activities (America)

Discusses meeting of Jewish Agency  
in New York, May 1. A few questions  
of Jewish representation at United  
Nations come up.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

8th May 1947

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Dear Department,

You may be interested to have the following information, just passed to us by a friendly member of the Zionist Organization of America. He has in the past provided our Passport Control Office in New York, with whom he deals on (legal) immigration questions, with information about Zionist activities here that has often later proved accurate.

It appears that there was a Jewish Agency meeting in New York on the 1st May at which the question of Jewish representation at the United Nations came up. According to our informant, Shertok shocked some of those present, who included Drs. Silver and Neumann, by suggesting that the Jewish United Nations Committee should be headed by Weizmann, assisted by himself and by Dr. Goldmann. Shertok based his suggestion on the fact that it was unthinkable that the leadership of Silver and Neumann, which is considered in both Britain and the United States as utterly uncompromising, would have a good effect on the negotiations in the United Nations. The Arabs, who were the real enemies of Britain, would appear there as her friends and the Jews, who had been and remained Britain's friends, would appear as the villains. Only such representatives as were known for their moderate and co-operative spirit would have any chance of success.

According to our informant, Shertok's

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Zionist Activities (Continued)

Refer Washington letter 200/20/47 (E 3911/22/31). New discussion rally held in USA, sponsored by American Christian Political Committee.

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON 8, D. C.

9th May 1947

15 MAY

Ref: 15/163/47

Dear Department,

Please refer to our letter 200/205/47 of 5th May concerning Zionist views on Palestine and the United Nations.

A rally was held in Washington on the 5th May sponsored by the American Christian Palestine Committee at which the speakers were Senators Claude Pepper (D., Florida) and John S. Cooper (R., Kentucky) and Representative Jacob Javitz (R., New York). About three hundred people were present and the meeting approved unanimously a resolution addressed to the President, Mr. Marshall, members of Congress and the American Delegation to the United Nations, calling upon the U.S. Government to take the initiative during the Special Assembly by vigorously advocating the Zionist case in Palestine. It also asked that pending a final solution by the United Nations, the U.S. should bring pressure upon the Mandatory government to permit immediate large scale Jewish immigration into Palestine and to remove the present land transfer restrictions.

Senator Pepper is reported to have called Britain's action in placing the issue before the United Nations one of "heads I win, tails you lose". He levelled special criticism at Mr. Loy Henderson, Director of the Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs, and other State Department officials.

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On the same day Dr. Silver, at a press luncheon, said that the Jewish Agency was bewildered at the spectacle of U.S. spokesmen arguing that the Agency should not be present at U.N. discussions concerning the establishment of a Jewish National Home. He said that they had assumed, on the basis of public pronouncements by the U.S. Government and others and upon the basis of public opinion polls showing the American public to be friendly to the idea of establishing a Jewish National Home, that the U.S. Government would have taken the lead in this question as it had done on other international questions. Instead of the U.S., the spokesmen for the Jews seemed to be Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Chile.

Dr. Silver is reported to have urged that the refugee problem in Europe and the question of the establishment of the Jewish National Home should not be confused. He said that it would be wonderful if the U.S. would open its doors to Jewish and other immigration, but he criticized those who dragged a red herring across the trail by demanding to know why Britain should allow free Jewish immigration into Palestine, when the U.S. did not allow Jewish immigration. The U.S. had never been the Jewish National Home, while Britain was committed under the Palestine Mandate to keeping the doors of Palestine open to free Jewish immigration.

In speaking of the Truman doctrine, Silver declared that it would be a great mistake to conclude that the need for stopping Communist penetration into the Middle East had to be accomplished by the sacrifice of the Jewish National Home. It would be a fallacy to appease the Arabs in the hope that they would become

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HIS Majesty's Consul at Jibuti  
presents his compliments to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State  
for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office, London,  
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

*British Consulate, .....*

*JIBUTI, .....*

*French Somali Coast. ....*

19th April ....., 1947.....

*Reference to previous correspondence :*

Jibuti despatch No.22 dated 18th April 1947.

*Description of Enclosure.*

Name and Date.	Subject.
Jibuti despatch No.2 dated 19th April 1947 to the British Military Administrator, British Military Administration, Asmara, Eritrea.	Escaped Jewish internees

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SECRET.

British Consulate,  
JIBUTI,  
19th April 1947.

No.2  
(Ref:S.9/47)

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my telegram No.4 of the 18th instant in which I reported that, owing to unforeseen developments, it had proved impossible to arrange for the summary expulsion from this Territory of the two escaped Jewish internees named YESERNITSKY ITZAK (alias MANN) and BEN ELIEZER ARIEH (alias LIPA ZABROWSKY), who formed the subject of my despatch No.1, copies of which were sent to the Foreign Office, London, His Excellency, the Military Governor, Hargeisa, and to His Excellency, the Governor, Aden.

2. In the above connexion, it will be recalled that arrangements had been completed for the two men to be delivered at my Office, when they would be handed over to an armed British Military escort, due to return to Hargeisa on the 18th instant, under the command of Lieutenant Turner. At the last minute, however, I decided that it would be best if the French authorities were to deliver the two men to the British escort at Loyada, on the frontier, and I accordingly made arrangements for their reception there. The French Governor, Monsieur Siriex, found himself in entire agreement with the proposed procedure and arrangements were made for the Chief of the Surete, to deliver ITZAK and ARIEH to me at the frontier Post by 2.30 p.m. on the 18th instant.

3. I established a rendezvous at Loyada with Lieutenant Turner where suitable arrangements were made to receive the men and every precaution adopted to eliminate their chances of escape. I supplied Lieutenant Turner with handcuffs and we awaited the arrival of the Chief of the Surete and the two prisoners.

4. Whilst replenishing his truck with petrol, however, the Chief of the Surete had unfortunately allowed the prisoners to interview their Rabbi and a local lawyer, (MAITRE BERNARD-COCHIER), with the result that cables were immediately despatched to Jewish Agencies in the United States of America, and, in these circumstances, the French Governor felt he had no option but to detain the men here on a charge of clandestine immigration rather than hand them over summarily to me at the border. When the men failed to appear at Loyada (after an interval of two hours), I returned post haste to Djibouti to ascertain what had happened and it was then that the Governor informed me of the foregoing. I should also explain that instead of imprisoning the men on arrival the Chief of the Surete had allowed them out against their parole, which was contrary to the specific instructions he had received from the Governor.

5. I was profoundly disappointed at the turn that matters had taken but thoroughly agree that the French Authorities

The British Military Administrator,  
British Military Administration,  
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Authorities had no alternative to the course they were compelled to adopt, in view of the serious international repercussions which might have resulted at our action.

6. In these circumstances, I have the honour to inform you that I have now received an official communication from the French Governor in which he informs me that he holds here as prisoners the two persons named in telegram No. SSS/ADEN 474 of the 24th January 1947, who escaped from an internment camp in Eritrea and who arrived here from Ethiopia. They will be brought up on a charge of clandestine immigration to this Territory and it is suggested that if the British Authorities still require them, arrangements should be made for their extradition, through the proper channels. In this connexion, I am privately informed that they will, in all probability be committed to a term on imprisonment at Jibuti for a period not exceeding three months, which should allow time for their extradition to be arranged.

7. As a result of his negligence and disobedience, I have the honour to inform you that the Chief of The Surete, Jibuti, has been dismissed his post.

I am sending copies of this despatch to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office, London, His Majesty's Ambassador, Paris, His Excellency, the Military Governor, Hargeisa and His Excellency, the Governor, Aden.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

DENNIS M. BOAM

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FROM

General

No.

Sibuti.

Dated

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Received in Registry

18, Apr 1947

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Escaped Jewish Terrorists.

Document copy of Sibuti deplét N°1 of 18 April to B.M.A. ASMARA. re escaped Jewish Terrorists.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

This is rather out of date now. Please see E 3994 E 3995 etc. Copy to: Mr. Fitzgerald (C.O.) Paris Embassy under P/L

References.

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0/ Let Gerald P.U.  
8/ Mr. Seager P.1.5  
9/ Paris no. 680  
(Secret) May 29

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HIS Majesty's Consul at Jibuti

presents his compliments to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State  
for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office, London  
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

*British Consulate, ...*

*JIBUTI, .....*

*French Somali Coast.*

*18th April, 1947*.....

*Reference to previous correspondence :*

*Description of Enclosure.*

Name and Date.	Subject.
Copy of Jibuti despatch No.1 dated 18th April 1947 to the British Military Administrator, British Military Administration, Asmara	Escape of Jewish internees.

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SECRET

No. 1

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British Consulate,  
JIBUTI. FRENCH SOMALI COAST.  
18th April, 1947.

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to my telegram No. 3 of today's date on the subject of two escaped Jewish internees named YESSEWITSKY ISRAK and BEN ELIEZER ARISH.

2. In the above connexion, I have the honour to inform you that it was brought to my notice yesterday by the local French authorities that two men answering the description of the above-named persons had arrived in Jibuti. BEN ELIEZER ARISH was travelling under the alias of LIPA LABROVSKI and was the holder of a Dominican passport issued in that name on 19th August 1946. YESSEWITSKY ITZAK had no papers and used the alias MANU.

3. The French authorities and I are satisfied that the description of the two men now in Jibuti tallies with that given in the enclosure to letter CID/c/26 dated 1st February 1947 and addressed by Headquarters, Eritrea Police Force, Asmara, to the French Governor at Jibuti. In these circumstances, I suggested to the French Governor that the most practical way of dealing with the matter would be for the men to be delivered to my office, when I could hand them over to Lieutenant Turner of the Somalilands Brigade Area, who is today leaving for Hargeisa with an armed British escort. Lieutenant Turner has been instructed to hand the men over to the British Military Authorities, Hargeisa.

4. In agreeing to my suggestion, the French Governor mentioned that, in any event, the men had entered French territory without authority and he considered them clandestine immigrants. Should circumstances warrant any explanation for the method being adopted, he was satisfied that this pretext would be as good as any. I trust also that my action will be approved.

I am sending copies of this despatch to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office, London, to His Excellency, the Military Governor, Hargeisa, and to His Excellency, the Governor, Aden.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

DENNIS M. BOAM

H.M. CONSUL

The British Military Administrator,  
ASMARA

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 FROM } G. Verker.  
 No. } Montevideo  
 Dated } 84  
 Received in Registry } 30 April 1944  
 10 May -

Least activities, Montevideo.  
 Report that at time of AUGSPUNKRI execution considered it necessary to request special police protection, apart from one or two letters and anonymous phone calls there has been no untoward incident.  
 Further comments.

Last Paper.

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 S.A. Dept.  
 Security Dept. per.

(Minutes.)

*[Signature]*  
 C.F.E. CABLE  
 17/5

References.

Mrs. Rettie

which posts in S. America have had the circular on terrorists. Please check up and see that all now get one.

(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

Despatch Board have been asked to send a copy of the circular to all posts in S America.

per. 3/6

Rettie 3/6/47

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

MONTEVIDEO.

30th April, 1947. E 20

Sir,

I have the honour to report that at the time of the execution of Dov Gruner I considered it essential, in view of local Zionist reactions, to request that special police should be detailed to guard the Embassy residence and the buildings in which the various departments of the Mission are housed. Apart from one or two inflammatory letters and anonymous telephone calls there has, however, been no untoward incident.

2. Yesterday the Chief of Police sent a high-ranking official to inform me that leaders of the various Jewish groups in Montevideo had been summoned to explain their attitude and had, one and all, given positive assurances that although they proposed to continue to vent their opinions by every legitimate means, they had no intention whatever of prejudicing their cause by terrorist activity. In these circumstances the Chief of Police wished to know whether we were prepared to dispense with the specially assigned plain-clothes men while retaining for the time being the additional uniformed policemen. To this suggestion I thought it advisable to agree.

3. I should add that the co-operation of the Montevideo Police Department has at no time left anything to be desired.

I have the honour to be, with the highest respect,

Sir,  
Your most obedient,  
humble Servant,

*C. Berke*

The Right Honourable  
Clement Attlee, M.P.,  
etc., etc., etc.,  
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PALESTINE

16 MAY

Registry Number

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FROM

Gerald Williams  
M.P.

No.

# M Bevin

Dated

12 May 1947

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Jewish Propaganda in England.  
Enclosed letter from Frank Childs, transmitting circular issued by the Jewish Legion regarding allegations of brutality in Palestine by British troops.

Last Paper.

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apt. Mr. Barley  
H.O.  
from Mr. Babb  
(encl)  
May 21  
apt. Gerald Williams  
M.P.  
June 7

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(Minutes.)  
Mr. Barley of the Home Office is already dealing with similar cases. Letter sent asking him to inform us whether or not it is decided to take any action in the matter.

B.V. 24. MAY

We have now had a reply from the Home Office and I submit details to Mr. Williams accordingly.

Private Secretary

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[Signature] (T.E. CABLE)

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Mr. Bevin  
June 3

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TEL: TONBRIDGE 144

ST. SAVIOUR'S HOUSE,  
SHIPBOURNE ROAD,  
TONBRIDGE,

KENT.

8.5.47

Dear Sir

I received the enclosed this morning. It bore a 2½ stamp, & if, as I fear all Clergy are being written to in this way, it means that money is being plentifully used to propagate this stuff.

Our men in Palestine have a terribly difficult task, & it seems a terrible thing that people, apparently living in London, are allowed to send out this atrocious libel.

I thought you would be glad to know this letter is being sent round the

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Country. While individuals are protected by anti-terror laws, I fear that a fine body of men like those serving in Palestine cannot be protected in the same way.

I trust you may be able to do something to help them.

With all good wishes for you in your difficult task

Yours sincerely  
Frank Chid

Gen. Williams by Mr. Formerly Vicar of Cambridge

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THE JEWISH LEGION

21, Hyde Park Street,  
London, W.2.

Dear Sir,

We are sending this statement below, which has appeared in the Jewish Standard dated Friday, 18th April 1947, because we feel that if the allegations in it are true, something should be done that such brutality should not be allowed.

STATEMENT MADE BY MORDECHAI ALFACHI ON MALTREATMENT UNDER ARREST

British Officers,

I join in the statement of my friend, but I wish to add a few words on the treatment given by the soldiers of "enlightened Britain" to Jewish prisoners of war.

I wish the whole world to know that simultaneously with the denazification of Nazi Germany - so far as it is being carried out - there is on foot an ever growing and intensifying process of the nazification of Britain and her troops. Here are the tangible proofs:-

After our arrest on the road near Lydda, one of our comrades who was not seriously wounded, died in mysterious circumstances after his transfer for treatment at the hands of British troops. We were led under a hail of blows to one of your military camps; we were immediately taken to an isolated room and British soldiers began to tear off our clothes - not with their hands but with shaving blades. The clothes were torn, and with them the skin was torn off our bodies. We were bleeding all over, but your soldiers were not content with that. We were immediately taken naked outside and made to run around the camp to the triumphant shouts of other soldiers. Our legs gave way, we fell. They lifted us up and made us run again and beat us again. Then they took us to the room. We were given no clothes. They gave us a blanket to each of us. At few minutes intervals one of the sadists would come in and take the blankets off our naked, trembling, wounded bodies. In the morning the tortures continued. They forced us to kiss the floor, they plucked the hair off our heads and ordered us to sweep the room with them. Three times they threw on our heads dirty water and made us run naked around the camp. Then they began taking care of our health. We were taken to a Military Doctor. He examined us and, after he saw whatever he saw, he asked your nice boys "Do you want to play with them some more?" Of course they wanted, and again we were taken by order of that doctor - the colleague of the notorious doctors of Bergen-Belsen - to the camp, and again the beating, torture and humiliation were repeated.

This, British Officers, is your countenance! This is the dormant beast awakening in the defenders of your empire. This is how you treat captives. Is it surprising then that we conceive not a feeling of disgust for you but an ever growing certainty that it will be your end to come down from the stage just as Adolf Hitler did? An army doing such things as were done to us, is not an army. It is a low gang devoid of human feeling and human dignity endangering the foundations of life and civilised mankind.

And we resolved to cleanse the Holy Land of this NAZI scum and we shall hold no scarifice too dear in implementing this historic task imposed upon us not only by our freedom-loving people, but also by the whole of progressive humanity.

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To F.H.E.  
Mr. BURNEY  
Home Office  
J.E.  
from Mr. CABRE

(letter and  
its 2 enclosures)

Foreign Office S.W.1.  
OUT FILE May 1947

I enclose ~~also~~ a copy of a  
letter ~~ask~~ from Mr. Gerald Williams M.P.  
to our Secretary of State on the subject  
of Jewish propaganda against British  
troops in Palestine.

I understand from our telephone  
conversation of 17<sup>th</sup> May that your  
Dept. is considering what action,  
if any, can be taken in cases  
of this kind. I should be grateful  
if you would let me know  
what decision is eventually arrived  
at, so that a reply may be sent  
to Mr. Williams, as it has now  
been decided that a reply should  
be sent from this Dept.

*J.E.*  
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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

21st May, 1947.

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I enclose a copy of a letter from Mr. Gerald Williams, M.P. to our Secretary of State on the subject of Jewish propaganda against British troops in Palestine.

I understand from our telephone conversation of 17th May that your Department is considering what action, if any, can be taken in cases of this kind. I should be grateful if you would let me know what decision is eventually arrived at, so that a reply may be sent to Mr. Williams, as it has now been decided that a reply should be sent from this Department.

Yours sincerely

Sgd -(J.E. Cable)

F.H.E. Burley, Esq.,  
Home Office.

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HOME OFFICE,

Ext. 

WHITEHALL,

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Your Ref: E4114/32/31. INDEXED

Our Ref: 865,040/149. 27th May, 1947.

Dear Cable,

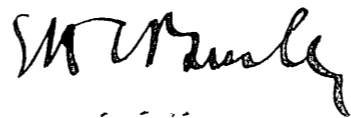
4114 32 / 31

Thank you for sending me with your letter of the 21st May a copy of a letter from Gerald Williams, M.P. to Mr. Bevin about Jewish propaganda against British troops in Palestine.

The leaflet which Mr. Williams has received has been circulated by the Jewish Legion to members of the clergy, but only two or three instances have so far been brought to our attention. When we have obtained all the facts required to enable a legal opinion to be given, we are proposing to forward the papers to the Director of Public Prosecutions; judging by what happened in a case of a similar nature early in the year, I think it is unlikely that any overt steps will be taken against the originators of the leaflets. For the time being I am proposing to inform correspondents who write to us about the leaflet that enquiries are being made into the matter and any further action depends on the results of these enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

J.E. Cable, Esq.



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Mr. Gerald Williams  
M.P.  
(from Private Secretary).

*CMCA s/p*  
*Private Secretary*  
*J.B. June 3*

Foreign Office.

7 June, 1947

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*FOC*  
*Confidential*  
*Commander*

Dear Mr. Williams,

Mr. Bevin has asked me to reply to your letter of the 12th May, enclosing a Jewish Propaganda Leaflet attacking the conduct of British troops in Palestine. *We have consulted* ~~This matter has been taken up with the Home Office, who state~~ *tell us* that this leaflet has already been brought to their attention. ~~Once all the facts required to enable a~~ legal opinion to be given have been obtained, they propose to forward the papers to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Any further action depends however, on the result of ~~the~~ *the* ~~enquiries now being made by the Home Office.~~

*They are looking into the matter and ~~if~~ *if* their investigations ~~warrant~~ *warrant* they may, as a result of these investigations, be able to take further action.*

Yours sincerely, *RMJ*  
(Sgd.) R. D. C. McAlpine.

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FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1.

7th June, 1947.

(E 4114/32/31)

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*Dear Commander Williams,*

Mr. Bevin has asked me to reply to your letter of the 12th May, enclosing a Jewish Propaganda Leaflet attacking the conduct of British troops in Palestine.

We have consulted the Home Office, who tell us that this leaflet has already been brought to their attention. They are looking into the matter and they may, as a result of these investigations, be able to take further action.

*Yours sincerely,*

*(Sgd.) R. D. C. McAlpin*

Lieutenant-Commander  
G.W. Williams, M.P.

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11 MAY

PALESTINE

Registry Number

E 4147/32/31

FROM

D. I. Akem

No. of

85/32/R.39/D.15

Dated

to Mr Beith

Received in Registry

14 May 1947  
17 - -

Political Action Committee.

Encloses copy of advertisement in New York Post 11, which by Political Action Committee for Palestine entitled 'Nobody brings Jews into Palestine'.

Last Paper.

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(Minutes.)

JB June 2

References.

(Print.)

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(Action completed.)

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SECRET *enter*

BOX No. 500,  
PARLIAMENT STREET B.O.,  
LONDON, S.W.1.

Telephone Nos.  
REGENT 6050.  
WHITEHALL 6789.

O.F. 85/32/B3a/DJS

Dear *Beith,*

E 4147  
14th May, 1947.

17 MAY

I attach a copy, for your information and retention, of an advertisement in the "NEW YORK POST" of Tuesday 11th March, 1947, inserted by the Political Action Committee for Palestine.

You will see that the headline completely ignores the fact of the legal quota of immigrant certificates issued by the Palestine Government to Jews every month.

Yours sincerely,

*D.J. Scherr*

D.J. Scherr.

J.G.S. Beith, Esq.,  
Foreign Office.

Copy to: J. Higham, Esq.,  
Colonial Office.

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# NOBODY BRINGS JEWS INTO PALESTINE

True enough, twenty-five ships, carrying a total of 15,000 Jews, reached the shores of Palestine since "VE" Day. But only sixty-four Jews "disembarked." Of these, eight were killed by "Nelson's Navy" aboard ship and were laid to rest in Eretz-Israel; thirty-nine swam ashore, and the remaining seventeen were admitted by the "grace" of His Majesty's Government. The bulk of the human cargo is imprisoned on the island of Cyprus. The twenty-five ships stand confiscated by Mr. Adolf Bevin, who does not like New York's Jews.

Thus, the boastful claims that Jews are being repatriated to Palestine despite the British Sea blockade are without a shred of evidence. To this day the so-called "illegal immigration" has been defeated on the Mediterranean. For God's sake, let's not kid ourselves.

## Let's Turn Defeat Into Victory

The Political Action Committee for Palestine and its Congressional Advisory Board, backed by a score of prominent members of both House of Commons, have called on the Government of the United Kingdom to permit the use of DCA transport planes for the sole purpose of repatriating the Jews from the American zone in Europe to Palestine. This plan, "Exodus by Air," has already proven feasible. The Committee for Palestine has already employed experienced technical personnel to plan, organize and service these planes, assuming all risks. The operation will be divided in two categories: (A) Planes carrying women and children will be directed to nearby deserted and uncultivated fields in Palestine; (B) Planes carrying able bodied men will be landed by Paratroopers.

One DCA, with seventy or more passengers, is capable of making four round trips a day from a certain port in Europe to Palestine. One way in less than two hours.

MARK SOLO  
Author of "Crusade for Peace"

HON. JOSEPH CLARK BISHOP  
Member of the House of Commons

**POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE, Inc.**

100 WEST 70th STREET, NEW YORK 21, N. Y.

Printed and Mailed by Political Action Committee for Palestine, Inc. 100 West 70th Street, New York 21, N. Y.

## No Capital . . . No Monopoly . . .

We are prepared to submit our BLUE PRINT for "Exodus by Air" to any private agency, including the Jewish Agency. We are further prepared to provide the personnel and pay all cost of operation, including fuel, maintenance, and aircraft. We are willing to pay the purchase price of the aircraft at a cost of ten million dollars, covering the purchase of the planes necessary to carry out "Exodus by Air." A lesser amount would weaken, if not cripple, its effectiveness.

The Political Action Committee for Palestine, in a similar manner, is willing to take the primary financial burden of the Jews from the American zone and their landing in Palestine, in the possession of the American zone. The operation requires the use of transport planes which are available in the American zone. It is estimated that a minimum amount of \$10,000,000 is necessary to carry out "Exodus by Air." The Political Action Committee for Palestine is willing to provide the money for the purchase and maintenance of the planes.

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## HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE FOR PALESTINE, Inc.  
100 West 70th Street, New York 21, N. Y.

I request that you send me a substantial number of DCA planes from the American zone to the American zone for the sole purpose of repatriating the Jews from the American zone to Europe to Palestine.

There is my contribution toward your objectives. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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PALESTINE

5 MAY

Registry Number

E 4152/32/31

FROM

J.O. Thwaites  
Consulate

No.

Dated

Received in Registry

Munich  
U/N.  
13 May 1947  
17

Jewish Activities, Munich  
Re: Munich despatch 114 (E 3886/32/31)  
Enclosed copy of letter from Ignaz  
Zvai Leumi containing threat of  
assassination against Sir Bernard and  
also against Consul General, Munich.

Last Paper.

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References.

(Minutes.)  
Consular Dept 11/4/47 (para. 3)  
German Dept 11/2/47  
Security Dept. 11/2/47  
Private Sec. 11/6/47  
Pulse (J.E. CABLE) 14/5

10 May 19

(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

Who has despatch No 44 referred to in  
the last para and is action to  
return the letter being taken?

Eastern Dept.  
~~German Dept.~~  
G.H.O. 11/6

Yes, this paper has now returned to  
Eastern Dept. and enclosure has been  
sent to Munich.

Security Dept. 11/6

Pulse (J.E. CABLE) 11/6

(Action completed.)

G.H.O. 11/6

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British Consulate,  
Munich.

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E 4152

13th May 1947.

17 MAY

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have received an anonymous threat of assassination against His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. Copy of the letter, which purports to come from a member of the Irgun Zwei Leumi, is attached. The original has been passed on to the Counter Intelligence Corps, who are investigating the matter. A further report will be sent as soon as possible.

2. It will be noted that this letter contains an incidental threat against His Majesty's Consul in Munich. The Provost Marshal for Munich has been consulted and takes this with a certain degree of seriousness. The Consulate is already under American and the Consul's billets under German armed guard and the British Driver carries a revolver. The Provost Marshal is considering whether the Consul, Vice Consul and Assistant should not also be armed. Counter Intelligence have provided a body-guard for the Consul when walking down to the office in the mornings.

3. In connection with their investigations, Counter Intelligence would be grateful for the use of the letter which was forwarded in original as Annex 2. to my despatch number 44 of May 5th 1947. I should be glad, therefore, if this could be returned to me for transmission.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant,

*John A. Thwaites*

H.M. Under Secretary of State  
for Foreign Affairs,  
Foreign Office,  
London. S.W.1.

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Deutschland am, 5.v.1947.

An Herrn

Aussenminister Bevin

in LONDON

Hiermit warne ich Sie dass, wenn Sie die Palästina frage nicht zugunsten der Juden erledigen dann werde ich Sie eigenhändig erschliessen. Ich betone dass die Sache ist sehr ernst.

Hochachtungsvoll:

Ein Mitglied der Irgun-Zwei-Leumi.

An den

Englischen General-Konsul

in München.

Ich wende sich an Sie sehr höflich dass Sie mir diesen Brief nach London zum Aussenminister Bevin übersenden. Wenn Sie dieser Bitte nicht nachkommen dann werden Sie dass selbe erleben wass oder Aussenminister Bevin.

Ich danke Ihnen Voraus!

Ein Mitglied der Irgun-Zwei-Leumi.

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E 4173

PALESTINE

19 MAY

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Registry Number

E 4173/32/31

TELEGRAM FROM

No.

Dated

Received in Registry

Bombel  
Sibuti

16.

17 May 1947

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Escaped Jewish terrorists.

Refer #10.51 N° 7 (E 3783/32/31). State, four  
months sentence imposed April 19, appeal  
lodged April 26, will now be heard May 23,  
five further tournaments.

Last Paper.

4152.

References.

Please see E 4293 <sup>(Minutes.)</sup> and action thereon.  
copy to M. I. S. (C.O.)  
M. Singer (M.I.S)

*J. 20/5*

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81 Fitzgerald. P.O.  
deposited M.I.S.

May 29

8) Maj. Charteris  
P.O. 4., W.O.  
5 June

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*J. 20/5*

*[Signature]*

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 9. MAY

FROM JIBUTI TO FOREIGN OFFICE

His Majesty's Consul D. 4. 0 p.m. May 17th, 1947.  
No. 16. R. 9.25 a.m. May 18th, 1947.  
May 17th, 1947.

Repeated to Paris No. 7  
Addis Ababa No. 22  
High Commissioner for Palestine No. 1  
British Military Administrator Asmara No. 9

JJJ

MOST IMMEDIATE

RESTRICTED

Your telegram No. 7 of March 14th, not to all addressees, regarding two escaped prisoners.

2. Four months' sentence imposed April 19th (repeat April 19th) and appeal lodged April 26th will now be heard May 23rd (repeat May 23rd).

3. In the meantime I am informed on reliable authority that local authorities have received instructions from Minister of the Interior Paris to give the men concerned, visa for Metropolitan France and I suggest therefore that Embassy Paris endeavour to have these cancelled.

4. I am unable to predict result of appeal but it is highly probable that original sentence will be now substantially decreased in view of this new development and possibility of their immediate release notwithstanding my representations for provisional arrest must be borne in mind.

5. Slender possibility exists that my request made to-day, Saturday, for postponement of hearing of appeal may now delay action one week but I cannot give any assurance.

6. Please instruct.

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PALESTINE

19 MAY

Registry Number } E 4203/2/31.

TELEGRAM FROM

No. III Farquhar Addis Ababa.

Dated } 253  
Received in Registry } 18, May 1947  
19 - -

Escaped Jewish Terrorists

State French colleague assures that both the Arab Government of Tibet and ourselves to co-operate and further has requested that French Govt. be approached with a view to revocation of authority to issue transit visas for metropolitan France to holders of Belgian laissez-passer as provided in Art 2 of Jerusalem.

Last Paper.

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References.

(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

Tel) Addis Ababa 198  
Tibuti 10.

Repd.) Paris 828  
Asmara (BKA)

31  
20 May.

8) Mr. Fitzgerald C.O.  
Mr. Seaton R.I.S.  
May 23

8) Inq. Out. telo.  
Pay. Char. vis. W.O.  
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Handwritten signature and date: 20/5



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[The text of this telegram must first be paraphrased if communicated to persons outside British or United States Government service or if retransmitted in a cypher system other than O.T.P.]

Cypher

DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM ADDIS ABABA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Farquhar D. 4.20 p.m. May 18th, 1947.  
No. 253. R. 6.40 p.m. May 18th, 1947.  
May 18th, 1947.

Repeated to Paris No. 4  
Jibuti No. 15  
Jerusalem No. 10  
Asmara No. 82  
B.M.E.O. No. 60 (for SIME)

E 4203

19 MAY

JJJ

IMMEDIATE  
TOP SECRET

Jewish terrorist escapees from Eritrea.

My French colleague assures me that both he and the Governor of Jibuti are anxious to co-operate as much as possible and the former has suggested that the French Government be approached with a view to cancellation of authority to issue transit visas for metropolitan France to holders of Bolivian laissez-passer as specified in second paragraph of my telegram No. 2 to Jerusalem.

2. This might enable the Governor of Jibuti to hand over to the nearest British authorities two men already held in Jibuti after expiration of their sentence for illegal entry and might further enable him to hand over to us suspect Jewish terrorists now in Addis Ababa, if they evade capture here and succeed in reaching Jibuti.

[Copy sent to Middle East Secretariat.]



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To *198*  
H.M. Minister ADDIS ABABA  
H.M. Consul JIBUTI/0

IMMEDIATE

Telegram.

No. \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) *May 18*

Repeat to:—

Paris No. E28

B.H.A. ASMARA  
No. 11

~~En Clair.~~  
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Mr. Fitzgerald (cc)

Addis Ababa telegram No. 253  
and JIBUTI telegram No. 16 [of 18<sup>th</sup> and  
17<sup>th</sup> May: escaped Jewish terrorists]  
H.M. Embassy, Paris, have delivered  
a note requesting the French authorities  
to deny visas to the three escaped  
Jewish terrorists in Addis Ababa  
and to hand over the two now  
imprisoned in JIBUTI. Note also  
~~asked~~ <sup>in any case</sup> asks that ~~within~~ the two  
in Jibuti ~~have been handed over~~  
~~they~~ should not be allowed to  
leave the colony. The Embassy are  
pressing for Jan early reply.

2. (JIBUTI only) You should  
continue to do ~~nothing~~ <sup>anything</sup> you can  
to delay hearing of appeal and to  
ensure that the two men are  
not released, pending receipt of

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PALESTINE

21 MAY

Registry Number } E 4278/22/31  
 FROM } consulate  
 No. } Tibesti.  
 Dated } 25  
 Received in Registry } 5/9/47  
 } 5 May 1947  
 } 21

Escaped Jewish Terrorists.  
 Refer Tibesti tel No 14 (E 3783/22/31)  
 Transmits copy of Tibesti despatch No 3 to  
 Chief Administrator, Amara Enclosed  
 copy of letter to French Governor at Tibesti  
 asking for provisional arrest of persons  
 named.

Last Paper.  
 4203

(Minutes.)  
 Copies to: Mr. Fitzgerald (C.O.)  
 Mr. H.S. Langer (M.I.5)

References.

Please see also E 4279

*[Signature]*  
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*[Signature]* Fitzgerald - B.O.  
 Langer M.I.5  
 May  
 June 4

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No. 3

(Ref: 10/9/47)

British Consulate,  
JIBUTI,  
5th May 1947.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram No. 20003 dated 27th April (and received here on the 3rd instant) in which you formally request the provisional arrest of YASSERELLY IZZAL and BAN ELIZABETH SAHIL, at present in Jibuti, on a charge of escaping from legal custody in Eritrea on January 14th, 1947, thus contravening Regulation 128 of 1945 (Paragraph 1 J) made under Proclamation No. 94.

2. In reply, I have the honour to inform you that I have today made official representations to the French Governor at Jibuti for the provisional arrest of the persons named, pending arrangements being made for their extradition. At the time of writing, however, the men concerned are in prison where they are undergoing a sentence of four months imprisonment (against which they have lodged an appeal) on a charge of evading the Emigration Regulations of this Territory in that they entered the Territory comprising the French Somali Coast as clandestine immigrants on or about 17th April 1947. A copy of my letter to the Governor is transmitted herewith.

3. In the above connexion, I have the honour to point out that the question of the wanted men's extradition is now a matter for diplomatic negotiation between the Foreign Office, London, the British Embassy, Paris, and the French Government, all of whom have been kept fully informed of developments by the French Governor at Jibuti and myself, and at this stage, no further action can be taken by me locally upon your behalf. As I had the honour to point out in my various telegrams on the subject, it would be helpful if you could supplement the information I have already given the Foreign Office and the Embassy, Paris, by forwarding them direct any relevant documents you may have in your possession and bearing on the question of the original charge, and certified extracts of their police records, as well as a certified copy of the charge now preferred against them - i.e. escaping from lawful custody in Eritrea.

4. In accordance with the standing instructions on the subject, I have the honour to inform you that the sum of 21,108.50 francs, equivalent to £74. 16. 0 (at the rate of francs 282.17 = £1), has been incurred upon your behalf by this consulate in connexion with this matter, a statement for which is enclosed. I shall be glad if you will kindly arrange for this money to be forwarded me in the form of a banker's draft at your early convenience.

I am sending copies of this despatch to His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Foreign Office, London and to His Majesty's Ambassador, British Embassy, Paris.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

D. SMITH, Esq.  
H.M. Consular.

Chief Administrator,  
British Military Administration,  
Asmara.

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H. M. CONSUL

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21 MAY

PALESTINE

Registry Number

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FROM

ON Beam.

No.

Tibuti.

Dated

26.

Received in Registry

5/9/47

9 May 1947

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Escaped Jewish Terrorists.

Refer Tibuti despatch no 25 of 5/10/47. For transmittal copy of reply from French Governor re request for wanted men's provisional arrest, pending arrangements being made for their extradition.

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References.

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Leager M.I.I.

June 4  
May

Tel) Tibuti 14  
Repd) Paris 1170 Sav.  
Addis Ababa 208  
Asmara 32

23 May 47

(Action completed.)

J. Embury

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E4314

Copy: Mr. Fitzgerald (C.O.)  
Mr. Leager (M.I.I.)

These two despatches (see also E 4278) transmit the Consul's note to the Governor and the latter's reply. These have since been overtaken by our representations in Paris. It is, however, obvious from these despatches that the Consul is not yet aware that no grounds exist for the extradition of these men. (Please see minute on E 3930). I suggest that we should inform him of this and submit draft telegram accordingly.

Mr. Embury

J. Embury  
C.S.-E.-CABLE  
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Seen by Mr. Leager  
J. Embury 21/5

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8) Mr. Fitzgerald P.O.  
Mr. Seager, M.I.S.  
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No.26 /  
(ref:S/9/47)

British Consulate, 51  
JIBUTI,  
9th May 1947.

E 4278

21 MAY

Sir,

I have the honour to invite your reference to my despatch No.25 dated 5th instant, under cover of which I had the honour to transmit copy of my despatch No.3 addressed to the Chief Administrator, Asmara, on the subject of two Jewish terrorists named YESERNITSKI ITSAK AND BEN ELIEZER ARIEH who escaped from an internment camp in Eritrea on January 14th, 1947, and who are now in Jibuti where they are undergoing a prison sentence on a charge of having entered the French Somali Coast as clandestine immigrants.

2. In the above connexion, I have the honour to transmit herewith copy of a letter I have received from the French Governor in reply to my formal request for the wanted men's provisional arrest, pending arrangements being made for their extradition, and I should be grateful if I could be informed by telegraph how matters stand at present.

3. I am informed by the Chief Administrator, Asmara, that the Government of Palestine is most anxious to recover these terrorists and it would be helpful to me if you would indicate any further action I might usefully take here with a view to expediting matters. I fully understand that the question of extradition is one that can only be handled through diplomatic channels in Paris and I venture to suggest that the Government of Palestine be informed by His Majesty's Ambassador in Paris, to whom I am sending a copy of this despatch, of the progress of the extradition negotiations.

I am sending a copy of this despatch to the Chief Administrator, Asmara.

I have the honour to be  
with the highest respect,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient humble servant

*John G. ...*

His Majesty's Principal  
Secretary of State for  
Foreign Affairs,  
Foreign Office,  
LONDON. S.W.1.

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ET  
DEPENDANCES.

REPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE.

DJIBOUTI, Le 8 Mai 1947.

Le Gouverneur.

No. 188/CAB. CONF.

Monsieur le Consul,

J'ai l'honneur d'accuser réception de votre lettre S/9/47 du 5 Mai 1947 par laquelle vous requérez officiellement l'arrestation provisoire des nommés:

- YESERNITSKI ITZAK (dit Maurice MANN), et
- BEN ELIEZER ARIEH (dit LIPA ZABROVSKY)

"terroristes juifs" qui se sont évadés d'Erythrée, ainsi qu'ils l'ont admis eux-mêmes.

Je vous confirme les termes de ma lettre No. 180 du 5 Mai 1947, par laquelle je vous informais que les susnommés étaient détenus à la Prison Civile de Djibouti depuis le 19 Avril 1947, ayant été condamnés à quatre mois d'emprisonnement et 1.200 frcs. d'amende chacun pour infraction au décret du 2 Février 1935 sur l'immigration. Ils ont l'un et l'autre interjeté appel le 26 Avril 1947. De son côté, M. le Procureur de la République a interjeté appel a minima le même jour.

L'affaire sera donc appelée, à nouveau, devant le Tribunal Supérieur d'Appel, vraisemblablement dans le courant du mois de Juin. Cette juridiction a le pouvoir de réduire la peine prononcée, de la maintenir ou de la majorer.

La procédure d'extradition que les autorités britanniques d'Erythrée ont, me dites-vous, l'intention d'engager, nécessitant forcément d'assez longs délais, puisqu'elle devra m'être soumise par l'intermédiaire de mon Département, vous jugez utile de demander l'arrestation provisoire.

Je ne puis que.....

Monsieur le Consul  
de Sa Majesté Britannique  
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H.M. Consul,  
Jibuti.

Telegram.

No. 14

(Date) May 23

Repeat to :-

Paris Saving  
Addis Ababa 208  
B.M.A.S. Marie.  
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Mr. Evans J.E.C. first.

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Your despatches Nos. 25 and 26 about  
escaped Jewish terrorists.

In your despatches and your note to  
Governor, you referred to "extradition".  
Although an Extradition Treaty exists with  
France and, assuming French Somaliland to be  
a colony and not a protectorate, would operate  
there, it is not applicable to Eritrea, which  
is foreign territory under military occupation.  
Besides ~~Furthermore the only offence committed by~~  
~~these men was their escape from detention, which~~  
is not an extraditable offence.

2. No legal grounds exist, therefore, for  
requesting ~~the extradition of these men.~~
3. The French Government have been asked to  
hand these men over to us under the doctrine  
of "refoulement" by which persons illicitly  
entering a foreign country may be returned to  
the country whence they came.

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DEPARTMENTAL No. 2.

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO JIBUTI

No. 14

23rd May, 1947.

D. 11.45 a.m. 24th May, 1947.

Repeated to Paris No. 1170 Saving  
Addis Ababa No. 208  
B.M.A. Asmara No. 32

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Your despatches Nos. 25 and 26 about escaped Jewish terrorists.

In your despatches and your note to Governor, you referred to "extradition". Although an Extradition Treaty exists with France and, assuming French Somaliland to be a colony and not a protectorate, would operate there, it is not applicable to Eritrea, which is foreign territory under military occupation. Besides their escape from detention is not an extraditable offence.

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3. The French Government have been asked to hand these men over to us under the doctrine of "refoulement" by which persons illicitly entering a foreign country may be returned to the country whence they came.

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TELEGRAM FROM

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20 May 1947

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Escaped Jewish Terrorists

W.S.  
D.F.

Rpts of 1129 Security (E 3994/22/51)  
This report is a report of a terrorist  
to Tel Aviv...  
I suggest that Cairo and Brussels should be  
informed of this, as they have been instructed  
to ask their respective governments to take  
similar action.  
I submit draft telegram accordingly.

Last Paper.

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8, Fitzgerald C.O.  
1, Leeger M.I.S.

\* 25th May  
Tel. Cairo to 1006.  
Brussels. 217  
8. L. Fitzgerald (C.O.)  
L. Leeger (M.I.S.)  
\* P.F.O.

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Cap. Charteris,  
P.O. 4, W.O.  
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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Duff Cooper. D. 9.10.p.m. May 20th, 1947.  
No. 419.  
May 20th, 1947. R. 2.00.a.m. May 21st, 1947.

Repeated to Addis Ababa.  
Jibuti.

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IMPORTANT.

Foreign office please repeat to Addis  
Ababa and Jibuti as my telegrams Nos. 2 and 1  
respectively.

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Your telegram No. 1129 Saving.

Escaped Jewish terrorists.

French have telegraphed instructions to  
Jibuti and to Addis Ababa that visas should be  
refused. Ministry of Foreign Affairs is discussing  
with Ministry of Overseas France possibility of  
refoulement of the two at Jibuti back to Eritrea.

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" BRUSSELS  
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No.

(Date) May 20

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Mr. Bagger (M.I.S.)

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My telegrams nos. 758 (to Cairo)  
and 125 Savoy (to Brussels) [of 17<sup>th</sup> and  
16<sup>th</sup> May: escaped Jewish terrorists]

French authorities have now agreed  
to deny visas to these men

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FROM

Embassy

No.

Paris

Dated

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Escaped Jewish Terrorists.

Transmit copy of note no 466 to my of foreign affairs of 19 May re 5 Jewish terrorists escaped from Britain.

Argue that visas should not be granted and that French Govt should arrange for the "detachment" to Britain of the two imprisoned at Sebti.

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19th May, 1947.

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No. 466.

His Majesty's Embassy present their compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and have the honour to state that in January 1947, five Jewish terrorists escaped from 119 Special Camp, Eritrea, where they were detained. Three of these men have now been located in Addis Ababa and have applied to the French Consul for transit visas through French Somaliland. Their names were given as:

Robert Feron,  
Isidore Frank Furter,  
Carlo Pecanati.

Two others, Arie Ben Eliezer alias Lipa Zabrowsky, and Itzhak Yesternitzky alias Mann, have been sentenced to four months' imprisonment in Jibuti by the French authorities on a charge of clandestine immigration. They have lodged an appeal against this sentence which will be heard on May 23rd.

2. All these men are very dangerous and it is most important that they should not be allowed to escape. They are known to be planning to escape via Jibuti and France. His Majesty's Embassy are instructed to take this matter up urgently with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to urge that visas should not be granted to the 3 men at Addis Ababa and that the two now imprisoned in Jibuti should be prevented from leaving. His Majesty's Embassy are further instructed to urge that the French Government should arrange for the 'refoulement' to Eritrea of the two terrorists at present at Jibuti and also of the other three should they by any mischance reach French Somaliland.

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Jewish Activities, MAX SELIGMAN.

State Max Seligman, (who defended JOV GRAMER) recently arrived in U.S. He said he would appeal to prominent legal circles to bring pressure to bear on H.M.G. to restore some measure of legal justice in Palestine and also participate in campaign to raise funds for dependent of several hundred members of underground who were detained.

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N.A. Dept. E.O.  
J.P.C. (S.E. CADLE) 2/5  
J.B. May 23

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BRITISH EMBASSY,  
WASHINGTON 8, D. C.  
15th May 1947

Ref: 200/215/47  
22 MAY

Dear Department,

Mr. Max Seligman, who defended Dov Gruner and other terrorists, recently arrived in the United States. He is reported by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to have told a press conference in New York that the Jewish community in Palestine is living under a military regime and is even denied recourse to the courts to defend its civil rights. He said that there was no point in going to the courts since the emergency defence regulations under which the courts have jurisdiction do not allow for appeals.

He said that he had a two-fold purpose in coming to the United States at the present time. He would appeal to prominent legal circles here to bring pressure to bear on the British Government to restore some measure of legal justice in Palestine. He would also participate in a campaign to raise funds for the dependents of several hundred members of the Underground who were illegally detained without charges being filed against them and without hope of trial. He alleged that the families of detainees received no assistance from the welfare bodies of the Jewish Agency.

He is also reported to have addressed a "Palestine liberation dinner" given under the

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Eastern Department,  
Foreign Office,  
London, S.W.1.

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FROM

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Dated

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Palestine American Press

Discussed conversation with American Ambassador re advertisements appearing in the American press inciting to violence and murder in Palestine.

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23 MAY

*M. Weather*  
*1cc. sent 10 May 21*

When the AMERICAN AMBASSADOR came to see me today I begged him to urge his Government to reconsider the non possumus attitude which they had adopted as regards the advertisements appearing in the American press inciting to violence and murder in Palestine. I called his attention to the article in the New York Post of the 14th May which is quoted in Foreign Office telegram to Washington No.4927, and asked him what would be the feeling of the United States Government if, for instance, British Communists were to publish in the British press an advertisement to the effect that "every time you blow up an American arsenal or wreck an American gaol or send an American railroad train sky high ..... British Communists make a little holiday in their hearts". Mr.Douglas said that the indignation of his Government would know no bounds and they would not be slow to show it.

Again I asked what would the United States Government do if American Communists were to publish an advertisement in the American press on the same lines, calling for attacks on American arsenals, gaols, trains, etc., Would the United States Government be powerless to prevent such gross abuse of the liberty of the press? Mr.Douglas did not answer this question, but assured me that he was disgusted at these incitements to violence and murder, and that he would at once telegraph to his Government to ask them to reconsider whether they could not take some action to stop this campaign. Perhaps an appeal might be made to the proprietors of the newspapers which were publishing these advertisements on the ground that they were devilling relations between the United States and Great Britain. I suggested that there was yet another reason for stopping these advertisements, namely, that they constituted such a gross abuse of the liberty of the press that it was in the interests of the press itself to prevent them.

*D. G. Sargent*

20th May 1947.

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J. G. S. B.

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Washington.

Despatched 4 15 PM M.

Important

and 4928  
[of 17<sup>n</sup>]

My telegram No. 4927

Telegram.

American funds for Jewish terrorism and illegal immigration!

No. 5063

(Date) May 21 P.K.

When the American Ambassador called at the Foreign Office on May 20th, Sir Orme Sargent begged him to urge his Government to re-

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U.K. Delegation,  
New York.  
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consider the non possumus attitude which they had adopted as regards the advertisements appearing in the American press inciting to violence and murder in Palestine. Sir Orme Sargent called his attention to the article in the New York Post of the 14th May which is quoted in ~~Foreign Office~~ my telegram under reke to you No.

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2. Sir O. Sargent again asked what ~~would~~ would the United States Government do if American Communists were to publish an advertisement in the American press on the same lines, calling for attacks on American arsenals, gaols, trains, etc.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO WASHINGTON

No. 5063.

D. 4.45. a.m. 22nd May  
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21st May 1947.

Repeated to U.K. Delegation New York No. 1509.

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IMPORTANT

My telegrams No. 4927 and 4928 [of May 17th: American funds for Jewish terrorism and illegal immigration.]

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TELEGRAM FROM

No.

B.G.

Dated

Tibuti

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Escaped Jewish Terrorists.

Refer Tibuti dt 16 (E 4395/32/31) stolen hearing of appeal postponed until Friday May 30.

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S. Fitzgerald - P.O.

Leager M.I.S.

May 29.

S) Raj. Chankris

P.O. 4, W.O.

5 June

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copy to: Mr. <sup>(Minutes.)</sup> [unclear] (C.O.)  
Mr. Leager (M.I.S.)

[Signature] 23/5

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DEPARTMENTAL No. 1

FROM JIBUTI TO FOREIGN OFFICE

His Majesty's Consul General  
No. 17

D. 11. 30 a.m. 22nd May, 1947.

22nd May, 1947.

R. 2. 40 p.m. 22nd May, 1947.

Repeated to Paris No. 8  
Jerusalem No. 2  
Addis Ababa No. 23  
Asmara No. 10.

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IMPORTANT

TOP SECRET

My immediately preceding telegram regarding Jewish escapees.

2. Hearing of appeal postponed until Friday May 30th (repeat May 30th).

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TELEGRAM FROM  
H.M. Consul:  
No. JIBUTI.

Dated 18.

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24. May. 47.

Escaped Jewish terrorists.

W.S.  
D.E.

Ref. F.O. tlb. Nos 11. 9. 12. 47.

Notes that visas have been refused, and states that representations are being made to delay hearing of appeals or prevent release of men.

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8) Mr. Fitzgerald, P.O.  
Mr. Seager, M.I.S.  
May 29.

8) Maj. Charteris  
P.O. 4. W.O.  
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FROM JIBUTI TO FOREIGN OFFICE

His Majesty's Consul D. 11.00 a.m. 23rd May 1947  
No. 18 R. 5.40 p.m. 23rd May 1947

23rd May 1947  
Repeated to Jerusalem No. 3  
Addis Ababa No. 24  
B.M.A. Asmara No. 11

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IMMEDIATE  
SECRET

Please repeat to Paris as my telegram No. [gp. undec. ? 9].  
*Paris 419, Paris 423*

Your telegrams Nos. 11 and 12.  
*E. 4714/32/11*

Foreign Office is requested to pass to Paris my immediately preceding telegram addressed to Foreign Office No. 17 repeated to Paris as telegram No. 8 May 21st.

2. I note that visas have been refused and have made further representations to delay hearing of appeal set for May 30th. Governor of Jibuti has accordingly telegraphed to Paris today requesting authority for further postponement.

3. I am doing everything possible to prevent release of men at Jibuti and prosecution has been fully informed of their terrorist activities.

4. BEMA Asmara and Government of Palestine are requested to forward me as soon as possible photographs and descriptions of the wanted men now at Addis Ababa and Jibuti.

5. Later. The Governor of Jibuti has agreed to postpone hearing appeal until June 6th (repeat June 6th). Court will give decision June 20th (repeat June 20th). Instructions regarding cancellation of visas not yet received by the Governor.

[Repeated to Paris also telegram No. 17 from Jibuti repeated to Paris].

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